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SUBJ: BANGKOK PREPARES FOR MONDALE VISIT

1. BANGKOK, MAY 3-- FINAL PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE BY US. AND THAI OFFICIALS TODAY FOR THE 24- HOUR VISIT TO THAILAND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF VICE PRESIDENT WALTER F. MONDALE.
2. MR. DONDALE, HIS WIFE JOAN AND SON TED ARRIVE FROM MANILA AT DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OUTSIDE BANGKOK AT 1430 HOURS LOCAL TIME (0730 GMT) THURSDAY TO BE WELCOMED BY THIA PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN. AFTER MAKING AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, THE AMERICAN LEADER WILL BE DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE ORNATE GOVERNMENT HOUSE IN DOWNTOWN BANGKOK FOR TALKS WITH KRIANGSAK AND FOREIGN MINISTER UPADIT PACHARANANGKUL.
3. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI LEADERS, MR. MONDALE AND PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK WILL PRESIDE OVER THE SIGNING OF A 5.5 MILLION DOLLAR LONG-TERM, LOW-INTEREST U.S. LOAN TO ASSIST THAI GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE KINGDOM'S RURAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM. (STORY FILED SEPTTEL.)
4. MRS. MONDALE, MEANWHILE, WILL BE ON A TOUR OF SUAN PAKKARD PALACE, FAMED FOR ITS COLLECTION OF THAI ARTIFACTS.

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ONE OF THAILAND'S MOST PROMINENT ART PATRONS, PRINCESS CHUMBHOT NA NAGOR SVARGA, WILL LEAD MRS. MONDALE THROUGH THE FACILITY.

5. IN THE EVENING, THE MONDALES WILL BE RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY THE THAI KING AND QUEEN AT CHITRALADA PALACE. DURING THE AUDIENCE, GIFTS WILL BE EXCHANGED.

6. THE MONDALES' FIRST DAY IN THAILAND WILL END WITH AN OFFICIAL DINNER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE HOSTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE AND FOLLOWED BY A PERFORMANCE OF THAI CLASSICAL DANCING.

7. ON FRIDAY, VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE WILL VISIT THE DIN DAENG REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BANGKOK. THE CENTER HOUSES INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES. MORE THAN 25,000 REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN THAILAND HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR DEPARTURE TO THE U.S. SINCE MID-1975.

8. FOLLOWING THE VISIT, MR. MONDALE WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE FAMED ERAWAN HOTEL IN BANGKOK WHERE AND HIS PARTY WILL STAY.

IT WILL BE THE ONLY NEWS CONFERENCE ON HIS CURRENT TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

9. WHILE THE SESSION WITH REPORTERS IS IN PROGRESS, MRS. MONDALE WILL VISIT THE EMERALD BUDDHA, THE GRAND PALACE, THE JIM THOMPSON HOUSE NOTED FOR ITS COLLECTION OF THAI AND CHINESE ARTIFACTS--AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN THE RIVER PAST THE PICTURESQUE TEMPLE OF THE DAWN.

10. AFTER THAT SHE WILL REJOIN HER HUSBAND AT THE ERAWAN HOTEL FOR THE DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT.

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11. THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKEOFF FOR JAKARTA AT 1415 HOURS THAILAND TIME (0715 GMT.)

NOTE: WE WILL CABLE TRANSCRIPTS OF MONDALE STATEMENTS AND THE NEWS CONFERENCE VIA THIS CHANNEL.

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